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Continuation Of:

Applicants: Kelly J. Henrickson, et al.
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For: METHOD OF DETECTING THE PRESENCE OF A
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CONCENTRATION
Group Art Unit: 1637
Examiner: J. Siew

Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified case, Applicants wish to enter the
following Preliminary Amendment.

In the Title:

Please delete the current title and replace with the following new title

--METHOD OF DETECTING THE PRESENCE OF A TARGET NUCLEIC
ACID VIA A MULTIPLEX AMPLIFICATION REACTION USING UNEQUAL
PRIMER CONCENTRATION--.

In the Specification:

At page 1 before "FIELD OF THE INVENTION" please insert:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION